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PATENT APPLICATION

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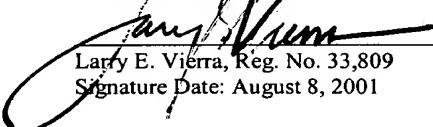
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RESPONSE A TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This RESPONSE A is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2001.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification,

Please enter the following substitute paragraph. A marked up copy of the paragraph is shown in the Appendix to this Amendment.

At page 4, line 25 replace the full paragraph with:

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